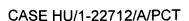
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## **ELECTION**

Sir:

This Election is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response to the 1-month Office action mailed on November 15, 2007. This paper is timely filed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.